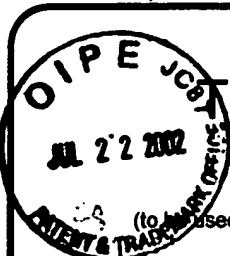
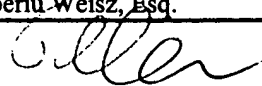



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In the Office Action of May 23, 2002, the Examiner has indicated allowance of claims 1-14 and has rejected claims 21-38 as being obvious in view of Nagata alone and in combination with Begault. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections on the following grounds.

Nagata discloses an echo effector for a karaoke. A karaoke is a device that provides a prerecorded orchestral accompaniment to songs. The device is used to allow a person to sing a song with the prerecorded accompaniment in the background. The device has several parameters